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Sir:

In lieu of filing a Notice of Appeal in response to the Office Action made Final, which was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 31, 2007 in the above-identified application, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application. This Reply accompanies the RCE. A Petition to extend the shortened statutory period for three months, from March 31, 2008 to June 30, 2008, and the appropriate fee, are being filed concurrently with this Reply.

Please amend the application as follows: